

January 14, 2016

The January 14, 2016 meeting of the Mansfield Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Ruth Pante, held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1976, followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Present were Ruth Pante, Elaine Drazek, Glenn Todd, Robert Jewell and Township Committeeman Joseph Watters. Also present were Township residents Don Proefrock and Heather Hamilton.

Minutes

It was MOVED by Ms. Drazek to accept and approve the minutes of the December 10, 2015 meeting, seconded by Mr. Jewell. All in favor.

2015 Year-End Report

Ms. Pante reported submission of the report to the Township Committee and gave credit to Dawn Smith and the Green Team members for their assistance in preparing the report.

2016 Budget

A budget request for \$925.00 has been submitted to the Township Committee along with a request that the Township Committee consider approval of an update to the 2006 Environmental Resource Inventory that will cost approximately \$16,000. Mr. Proefrock reported he is working with the Township Clerk to proceed with a grant application toward this endeavor.

Cafferata Park

Planting of trees at the park is continuing at this time. Mr. Todd brought nesting boxes to point out proper construction for bluebirds. A recent purchase from a supplier in Kentucky shows innovative construction to coax bluebirds. Mr. Todd will build and donate two boxes for use at the park.

Environmental Issues

There was a very recent oil spill at the August Binder property in Port Murray where a pipe with water froze and broke. The river is reported clear though a Hazmat team continues the cleanup at the site. A high estimate of 1,200 gallons of oil leaked out; all tanks, etc. will be removed.

Mr. McMekin shared a flyer from the Washington Community Garden offering sites at the garden along with sign-up dates to join.

Mr. Todd MOVED to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Pante